

Christmas Season 1986

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My dearest Friend:

Season's Greeting And the best Wishes for every day of the coming year.

It has been sometime since I've written a letter So many things have happened in my life, Some good, Some bad. But most of all I am yet alive and living in "Gods" Care —.

I so remember you each day I live. You are a very, very important person in my life and the memories of the times I spent with you are the most beautiful I've ever had.

I remember the big dinning room fire place, the magic sofa you sleep on, the beautiful birds and fields I saw and walked thru — Oh, how much beauty I hold in my memory And you, Dorn gave it all to me.

From those loving memories I have created my greatest photographs, photographs that will live for ever in my heart and in those who view my work I remember all the beautiful stories you shared with me about life.

That's why I thank God for you and your "touch" upon my life —. Your images, your talent, your love gave me more than I could have ever gotten from a book! You touched and changed my life!

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The beauty I Create today is because,

Mrs. Nell Dorr Touched my life with her unselfish love you made me see the world in a different light and from what I heard from you changed me to a even deeper beauty.

I have been very, very, very sick With my Stomach - 'bad' pain - .

One time I thought I was near death - But With divine love from above thru prayer I am still alive and living in God's perfect mercy! That's why I pray so much for my self and my dearest friends I remember you daily -

Daily I call your name out before our Lord Jesus Christ - God is so good, so kind, so merciful And how 'he loves us' - you and I.

I have not suffered pain in nearly three weeks - its all thru prayer.

How I Wish I could see you And hold your hand in prayer.

you Keep your hand in God's hand, you always believe God is able to do all things well and in good.

Just Keep Jesus on your mind, just as He feeds the birds of the Air - He will feed your spiritual needs and fill your soul with a un speakable joy like you have never known.

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God is so good and He loves
you, Don, He really loves you!

"Cast your every care upon the
lord and he will re-new your hope,
faith and love in him"

I love you truly, I love you
more each day.

That's why I send all those cards
to let you know I am with you every
day of your life.

I call by phone but sometimes
you are asleep - I'll keep trying until
I get to speak with you.

I called your daughter in Texas
last week and no one was home. I wanted
to see how you were.

I hope you have the most -
beautiful Christmas in your life... I hope
your every wish will be filled.

I wish I could see the birds
around your bedroom window - I
wish I could see them feeding again -
How beautiful they were.

My daughter "CoCo" is 14 years
old now - She and my wife send
you season's greetings.

I hope to send pictures in my
next letter.

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Please, Please take care of
your self.

And remember far away in
Oregon you have a friend —
Shedrick Willenies who thinks of
you every day and wishes you the
very best for 1967—

God Be with you and may he,
our lord keep you in perfect peace.

Sincerely your friend,
Shedrick Willenies

Should you talk to your daughter
Nell in Texas — please give her my
best wishes.